

What is claimed:

1. A method for permitting a pharmacist to verify a refill of a filled prescription stored on a host system, comprising the steps of:
- providing a prescription refill screen by the host system to a
- 5 pharmacy system associated with the pharmacist, the prescription refill screen being associated with the filled prescription;
- receiving refill request information from the pharmacy system, the refill request information identifying a requested refill of the filled prescription;
- transmitting the refill request information through the host system to a health care provider system associated with a health care provider identified by the filled prescription stored on the host system;
- 15 receiving, by the host system, an authorization from the health care provider system authorizing the requested refill of the filled prescription;
- transmitting, by the host system, the authorization to the pharmacy system whereby the pharmacist associated with the pharmacy

system is authorized to provide the refill of the filled prescription to the patient.

2. A method for permitting a pharmacist to verify a refill of a filled  
5 prescription stored on a host system, comprising the steps of:

providing a prescription refill screen by the host system to a  
pharmacy system associated with the pharmacist, the  
prescription refill screen being associated with the filled  
prescription;

receiving refill request information from the pharmacy system, the  
refill request information identifying a requested refill of the  
filled prescription, and a prescription refill authorization  
obtained from a health care provider; and

generating a verification of the requested refill by the host system

including a unique prescription identification code identifying  
the requested refill whereby the pharmacist associated with the  
pharmacy system is authorized to provide the refill of the filled  
prescription to the patient.

3. A method for permitting a health care provider to verify a refill of a filled prescription stored on a host system, comprising the steps of:

providing a prescription refill screen by the host system to a health care provider system associated with the health care provider, the prescription refill screen being associated with the filled prescription;

receiving refill request information from the health care provider, the refill request information identifying a requested refill of the filled prescription, and a prescription refill authorization; and generating a verification of the requested refill by the host system including a unique prescription identification code identifying the requested refill whereby a pharmacist associated with a pharmacy system is authorized to provide the refill of the filled prescription to the patient.